

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) A system for loading and unloading loose airplane cargo, comprising:

~~an a ground based~~ intermediate conveyor, ~~disposed within~~ extending into a cargo hold of an airplane, including:

a transverse conveyor, including a conveyor belt oriented along a transverse axis of the airplane, extendable through an opening in the cargo hold, and

a longitudinal conveyor, including a frame supporting a conveyor belt oriented along a longitudinal axis of the airplane, linked to the transverse conveyor and pivotable with respect thereto; and

a transport means, disposed within the cargo hold of the airplane and oriented along the longitudinal axis of the airplane, including an end located adjacent to the longitudinal conveyor.

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61, wherein ~~the~~ at least one conveyor belt is length-modifiable.

63. (Previously Added) The system of claim 61, wherein the transport means is a transport carpet.

64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61, further including a tarmac conveyor, wherein the transverse conveyor receives loose cargo from, and dispatches loose cargo to, a the tarmac conveyor.